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Our Reference No.: ROT.503

Dear Sir:

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1. Transmittal Form;
2. Fee Transmittal Form;
3. Petition under 37 CFR § 1.47 or 37 CFR § 1.183;
4. Declaration in Support of 37 CFR § 1.47 Petition;
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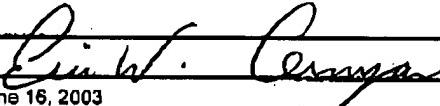
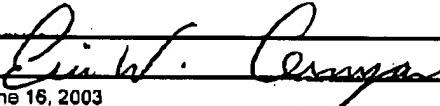
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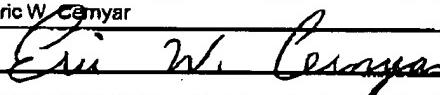
**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

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TRANSMITTAL FORM <i>(To be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	Application Number	09/701,739
	Filing Date	June 3, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Patrick Connolly
	Art Unit	3673
	Examiner Name	Michael Trettel
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Application Number	09/701739
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First Named Inventor	Connolly
Examiner Name	Trettel
Group Art Unit	3673
Attorney Docket No.	ROT.503.US

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1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit Account Number **500-326**
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

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Fee Code (\$)	Fee	Fee Code (\$)	Fee	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	
106	330	206	185	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-20" =	X	=
Multiple Dependent	-3" =	X	=

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Fee Code (\$)	Fee	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9 Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
108	84	209	42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	8 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105	130	205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139 130 Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215 55 Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216 200 Extension for reply within second month	
117	820	217 460 Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218 720 Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228 980 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219 160 Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221 140 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138 750 Petition to revive a public use proceeding	
140	110	240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241 640 Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242 640 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	480	243 230 Design issue fee	
144	820	244 310 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	130.00
123	50	123 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246 370 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
148	740	248 370 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279 370 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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